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Stargazer's Sweet Spot

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

There's a certain magic to nights this time of year – the kind that makes you want to throw a blanket on the grass, swat away a few mosquitoes, and tilt your head back until the rest of the world melts away. This is the sweet spot between summer and fall, when the air is still warm enough to linger outside, but the sky starts showing off like it's auditioning for the universe's version of a Broadway finale.

Constellations step into the spotlight this time of year, and you don't need to be an astronomer to spot them. The Summer Triangle – made up of the stars Vega, Deneb, and Altair – is practically shouting "Look at me!" overhead. Sagittarius, the teapot-shaped constellation, is still hanging out low in the southern sky, and if you squint, you can imagine the steam puffing right out of its celestial spout.

Aquila is located on the celestial equator and is visible from the Northern and Southern Hemispheres during Summer. It is home to one of the prominent stars in the Summer Triangle asterism, Altair.



Corona Borealis is one of the 48 constellations listed by the Greek astronomer Ptolemy in the second century, and its name translates to "Northern Crown" in Latin. Although it is a small constellation, it is easily recognizable in darker skies with a shape resembling a "C," depending on its orientation.

Cygnus can be seen in the Milky Way on Summer nights. Its name means "swan" in Latin. Cygnus also contains the asterism the Northern Cross, which appears exactly like its name. At the top of the cross or tail-end of Cygnus is Deneb, a blue-white supergiant star.

Delphinus is a small constellation cataloged by the Greek astronomer Ptolemy in the second century. The constellation is easily recognizable by its diamond-shaped pattern formed by its brightest stars, known as Job's Coffin, which outlines the dolphin's body.

Hercules is a prominent summertime figure and the sky's fifth-largest constellation. The constellation lies upside down just south of Draco's head and is easier to spot in darker skies than from the city since it has many dim stars. A "keystone" of four third and fourth-magnitude stars marks Hercules' torso.

Libra is the 29th largest of the 88 constellations in the night sky and one of the thirteen zodiac constellations. Ancient artists

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Medicare Enrollment Is Right Around the Corner

By TONYA AIKEN • Tangi Times Technical Writer

The Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) runs from October 15 through December 7, giving Medicare beneficiaries the opportunity to make important decisions that will shape their healthcare for the year ahead. During this time, you can switch from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage, move between Medicare Advantage plans, or add or adjust your prescription drug coverage.

Even if you're satisfied with your current plan, it's a good idea to review your options for 2026, since premiums, copays, drug formularies, and provider networks often change each year. If you're comfortable with your plan and its upcoming changes, you don't need to take any action — your coverage will automatically renew on January 1, 2026.

In 2026, many of the significant improvements to Medicare's prescription drug benefits that began in 2025 will continue. Most notably, the $2,000 annual cap on



out-of-pocket Part D costs remains in place, offering financial protection to those with high prescription needs.

Beneficiaries can also continue to use the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (M3P), which spreads out-of-pocket drug expenses into predictable monthly payments rather than requiring large upfront costs at the pharmacy counter. In addition, insulin covered under Part D will remain capped at $35 per month, and recommended adult vaccines will continue to be covered with no cost-sharing.

An area of focus for 2026 is the Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model, which is tightening some eligibility requirements. VBID is a program within Medicare Advantage that gives certain plans the flexibility to offer extra benefits and lower costs for people who meet specific health or income needs.

Medicare Advantage plans participating in VBID will continue to test new ways to lower costs and improve care for people with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and kidney disease. However, one notable change for 2026 is that some extra benefits — such as food cards — will have stricter qualifications.

Not every enrollee who received a card in the past will automatically qualify going forward. These changes are designed to target benefits toward those with the greatest medical and social needs, ensuring that resources are directed where they can make the most impact.

If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage or Prescription Drug Plan, you will soon receive your

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From The Tangi Times Weekend Weather Team

Bob Brick



Margaret Oar



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I was in a bar with a friend when four very large guys started trouble with us. My friend said to me, "Pretend we're the police – they'll leave us alone."

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Friday September 5
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Saturday September 6
8am
Hammond Firefighters Local 2363 9-11 Memorial 5k
Cate Square Park
200 W. Charles St., Hammond

Saturday 9/6 – Sunday 9/7
9:00am – 3:00pm
Tangi Gun Show
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1301 NW Central Ave, Amite

Saturday, September 6
12:00-4:00pm
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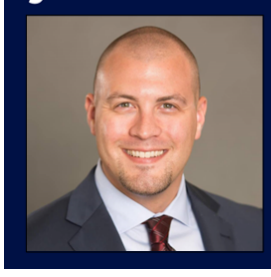
Sunday, September 7
Various times
Hammond Ballet Nutcracker Auditions
Columbia Theatre
Info: email hammondballet@gmail.com

Thursday September 11
6:30 pm
Wine Bingo
Crescent Lounge
120 W. Pine St., Ponchatoula

Saturday September 13
9:30am
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OF THE WEEK


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POS Connie Noel Estes

40-year-old Connie Noel Estes (aka Connie Noel Flettrich or Noel Gorgone) of Slidell was arrested on August 29 and booked into the St. Tammany Parish Correctional Center for Felony Hit and Run with Death or Serious Bodily Injury and Felony Obstruction of Justice. She also let an innocent man sit in jail for two weeks for her crime.

Shortly before 6pm on August 13, a 6YO child was struck by a vehicle while riding a scooter in his driveway. The driver fled the scene without stopping. The child later died at the hospital.

Based on evidence available at the time, deputies initially arrested a Slidell man believed to be the driver. However, further investigation revealed that his vehicle was not the one that struck the child.

"An arrest was made based on the evidence we had at the time," said St. Tammany Sheriff Randy Smith. "Once new evidence came to light, we moved swiftly to redirect our investigation and identify the correct suspect. While we are committed to acting quickly in the pursuit of justice, we also understand the immense responsibility that comes with that urgency."

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TPSO Investigating Drive-By Shooting in Natalbany Area

From TPSO

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs the public's help gathering information about the whereabouts of a suspect vehicle and the identities of the occupants of that vehicle, involved in a recent drive-by shooting incident in the Natalbany area.

Around 7pm on Tuesday, August 26, as two men were pulling into the driveway of a home on dead end street off of LA 1064, dozens of shots were fired in their direction. No one was injured, but it was determined that the vehicle they were in and the home they were in front of were struck.

Through this investigation, deputies have determined the shots were fired from a blue, 4-door Volvo bearing Mississippi license plate "PRH 1763" seen in the attached picture.

In addition, detectives have found that the vehicle was seen on surveillance video at the gas station on the corner of LA 51 and LA 1064 just before the shooting. The person of interest seen in the second attached picture, wearing a blue T-shirt with a white unidentified logo on the left chest, exited the rear driver's side door to buy gas.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about who these suspects are or this vehicle's whereabouts, to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-902-2088.

If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip!

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TANGI GUMBO
A little bit of everything you need to know

The Southeastern Louisiana University Foundation recently announced its 2025-26 Board of Directors.

"Our board is a group of committed professionals who understand the value of Southeastern both to its students and the region," said Vice President for University Advancement Wendy Lauderdale. "They assist us in achieving the Foundation's mission to serve as a catalyst to transform lives by uniting generosity and vision, one relationship at a time."

Jonathan Wong of Hammond remains chair of the board. Co-founder and team leader of Cate Street Seafood Station in Hammond and The Boston Restaurant in Amite, Wong is in his second year of a two-year term.

Southeastern Foundation Board members include Thomas "Tom" Akers of Mount Juliet, Tenn.; Marcia Barr of Hammond; Hart Bordelon of Hammond; Dawn Cantrell of Baton Rouge; Gary Clark of Baton Rouge; Toby Cortez of Ponchatoula, past chair; Steve Cory of Mandeville, board treasurer; Beth Ebberman of Metairie, board secretary; Marcia Galatas of Houston; Dennis E. James of Ponchatoula; Stephanie Kropog of Hammond; Barry "Beezie" Landry of Hammond, vice chair/chair-elect; Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr. of Mandeville; Wallace Lewis of Hammond; Mike Sharp of Springfield; Cindy Visot of Tampa, Fla.; and Robert Watkins of Robert.

The Northshore Legislative Delegation and Southeastern Louisiana University will host a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at the Columbia Theatre in Hammond, featuring House Speaker Phillip DeVillier as the special guest. The event, which begins at 11:30am with doors opening at 11:00am, will cover key issues including insurance, budget, crime, education, DOTD reform, and tax reform. Space is limited, and attendees are encouraged to register in advance. The town hall is presented in partnership with the Tangipahoa and St. Tammany Chambers of Commerce.

The Ponchatoula Library Garden Club will host a special program on hummingbirds at 4pm on Friday, September 5, 2025, at the Ponchatoula Branch Garden Club, 380 North Fifth Street. Jane Patterson, President and Education Coordinator of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society, will lead the discussion, offering insight into the world of hummingbirds and sharing tips on how to attract these colorful birds to local yards. The event is presented by the Tangipahoa Parish Library and is open to the public.

Southeastern Louisiana University will celebrate the accomplishments of its graduates at the annual Alumni Awards Evening on Friday, October 17, 2025, in the Student Union Ballroom. Established in 1969, the awards program honors alumni who have distinguished themselves through professional success, service to the university, and contributions to their communities. The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 6pm, followed by dinner and the awards presentation at 7pm, with cocktail attire requested. Hosted by the Southeastern Alumni Association, the event highlights the university's tradition of developing leaders across diverse fields, and tickets are now available to the public at www.southeastern.edu/alumni.

On August 29, 2025, the Hammond Police Department received two reports of unauthorized debit card charges at Walmart and McDonald's, despite both victims still being in possession of their cards. Detectives reviewing Walmart security footage identified the suspect as a light-skinned Black female wearing a maroon shirt and gray hoodie, who was seen purchasing phone activation cards before walking toward West Thomas Street. Police are asking anyone with information to contact Detective Randall Baudier at 985-277-5740 or baudier_rf@hammond.org.

Law enforcement officers from East Feliciana and Livingston Parish are searching for work release inmate Christopher Truemaine Samuel, who fled his assigned detail at Deltak Manufacturing on John Lanier Road around 8:40 a.m. Tuesday. Samuel, a 5-foot-6, 135-pound Black male from Ruston, was last seen wearing a black sweatshirt, gray shirt, blue jeans, and a black skull cap. Convicted of aggravated battery in Lincoln Parish, Samuel was serving a sentence with a projected release date of Sept. 6, 2028. The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office has deployed additional units, K9s, and air patrol in the area as the search continues.

Washington Parish authorities confirmed that both inmates who escaped custody earlier have been recaptured. Corey Ard, 21, was located around 9:30 p.m. near the intersection of Highway 25 and Highway 16, while Kaid Elliott, 21, was found at 10:11pm behind the Cargill Animal Nutrition Plant in Franklinton. Both men are now back in custody.

There will be intermittent and alternating lane closures on I-55, Nortbound and

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BOARD AGENDA - Aug 19 2025 Minutes
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM Central Office Board Room

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Roll Call
All Board members were present except Ms. Robin Abrams, Board Member.
B. Pledge of Allegiance (All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute) - Tom Tolar
Mr. Jerry Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Consider approval of Board minutes of August 5, 2025 BOARD AGENDA - Aug 05 2025 - Minutes - Html

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Glenn Westmoreland
Seconded by: Trent Anthony

Yea Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Carried 8-0

2. FINANCIAL UPDATES

A. Update on Sales Tax Summary -July 2025 Sales Tax Summary TPSS 20250731.pdf

Mr. McKneeley, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the Sales Tax Summary.

B. Update on EFID Sales Tax Summary -July 2025 Sales Tax Summary EFID 20250731.pdf

Mr. McKneeley provided updates on the EFID Sales Tax Summary.

C. Discuss the AP/Check Register for June 1st 2025 through June 30th 2025 for the amount of $35,868,826.06 - Jeff McKneely AP invoice report June.pdf

Mr. McKneely advised that there were no questions on the AP
/ Check Register for June.

Motion to waive the rules to add the Personnel Committee meeting minutes of August 19, 2025 to the agenda.

Moved by: Joey Piazza
Seconded by: Janice Richards

Yea Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0
Motion to approve the Personnel Minutes - August 19, 2025
Moved by: Joey Piazza
Seconded by: Janice Richards

Yea Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0

(The official adopted minutes have been placed in the Board Minute Archives and/or for viewing on the TPSS website: https://tangischools.community.highbond.com/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx)

Motion to add to the agenda the reconsideration of the Electrical Contract from the meeting on 08/22/2025 for Randy DePaula and Sharkey's Mechanical.

Moved by: Brett Duncan
Seconded by: Joey Piazza

Yea Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0

Motion to designate Sharkey's Mechanical as a second alternate for electrical services. The administration is to enter into the appropriate contract.

Moved by: Joey Piazza
Seconded by: Rose Dominguez

Yea Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0

3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

A. Consider approval to refer policy JBCC "Student Assignment" to the Policy Committee

Motion to approve.
Moved by: Joey Piazza
Seconded by: Rose Dominguez

Yea Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Carried 8-0

B. General Updates

Superintendent Stilley reported that the school year has begun successfully, with employees noting it as the best start to date. Kindergarten classes will begin tomorrow. Superintendent Stilley encouraged visits to the lower elementary kindergarten classrooms to observe the "Once Program," in which teachers and paraprofessionals provide 15 minutes of daily interventions and tutoring for each student. By October, kindergarten students will begin taking home books to support grade-level reading proficiency.

Superintendent Stilley reminded attendees that any reported issues should be directed to the "Report a Problem" feature on the district website, which timestamps submissions and notifies both the principal and district supervisor for follow- up.

4. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

A. Board Member Comments
Ms. Dominguez reported she toured the school and received positive feedback from constituents. She attended the Chamber luncheon featuring Senator Julie Letlow, thanked her for assistance in securing ESSER funds, and inquired about future funding cuts to education.

Mr. Piazza thanked the Administration team, Maintenance, and Project Manager for their work on Phase II projects, and Transportation for their professionalism. He participated with Mr. Genco in landscaping at Loranger Elementary and noted community willingness to support local schools. He encouraged Board members to visit an elementary school and take a photo with a student as his weekly challenge.

Mr. Moore commended teachers and encouraged staff to view their roles as extensions of parental support.
Ms. Richards reported receiving numerous calls and expressed appreciation to Mr. Genco for his assistance. She thanked local pastors and community leaders for organizing meetings in support of schools.

Mr. Westmoreland expressed appreciation for the updates, noted the progress of Phase II projects, and reported positive feedback on the school year's start.

Mr. Anthony concurred with prior comments and congratulated Superintendent Stilley and the Executive Team on the successful start of the year.

Mr. Tolar welcomed Amanda Ragoonath, expressed appreciation to Mr. Page for his presentation, and recognized the Maintenance and Construction Department for their efforts. He offered his support to the team and noted the school year is off to a strong start.

5. LITIGATION

A. Motion to enter Executive Session to consider the cases of Motion to approve

Moved by: Brett Duncan
Seconded by: Joey Piazza

Yea Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Carried 7-0

B. Consider the case of David Phillips Jr v. TPSB, NO,22-2153 Louisiana Eastern District Court - Ashley Bass
Motion to adopt counsel's recommendation.

Moved by: Brett Duncan
Seconded by: Glenn Westmoreland

Yea Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0

B. Motion to adopt Council recommendation regarding the case of David Phillips Jr v. TPSB - Tom Tolar
Moved by: Tom Tolar
Seconded by: Glenn Westmoreland

Yea Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0

6. PUBLIC INPUT
There was no Public Input.

7. ADJOURNMENT
Due to no other items to discuss, President Tom Tolar adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm.

Tom Tolar, President

Melissa M. Stilley, Secretary- Treasurer

Joey Piazza, Chairman

Cost of Notice: $136.50

Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2025
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER.

Roll call was read by Town Clerk, Julie Peterson.

Present was Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello.
Quorum was present.

Prayer was led by Larry Cardaronella.

Pledge was led by Eric Costa.

Public Input: None.

A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to amend the agenda to include the USDA Police Car Grant Application under New Business. Voting to amend the agenda was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to amend the agenda to add the USDA Police Car Grant Application was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting. Voting to approve was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to approve minutes from July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:
a. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to adopt Ordinance #2025-1128.
This Ordinance would change the start time of the Regular Meetings from 6:30PM to 5:30PM.
Voting to approve was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to adopt Ordinance #2025-1128 passed unanimously.

b. Ordinance #2025-1129 which limits the amount of fill dirt allowed for new Residential or Multi
Family Construction was discussed by the board. After a brief discussion on the subject a motion was made by Larry Cardaronella, seconded by Eric Costa to table the matter until the
September meeting so that everyone could get more clarification on the subject. Voting to
table was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to table adoption of Ordinance #2025-1129 until the September meeting passed
unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:
a. The Occupational License for Primeway Gas & Grab located at 267 West Railroad Ave. was discussed. The new owner Mandeep Singh was present to answer any questions. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to approve the occupational license for Primeway Gas & Grab. Voting to approve was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello, Gaye Guzzardo
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to approve occupational license for Primeway Gas & Grab passed unanimously.

b. Fire Chief Johnny Polito was present to discuss the upcoming 100 Year Anniversary of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department. He informed the board that the Volunteer Fire Department is planning a celebration for July 4, 2026. He will have more details in the upcoming months and stated that plans so far include a parade and a live band.

c. The USDA Police Car Grant Application was discussed. The application was for the purchase of 2 cars and would require the town to contribute $75,000.00 towards the grant. Mayor Paine informed the board that the town does not have this funding available and the deadline to accept the grant is Thursday, August 14, 2025 which is 2 days away.
REMARKS:
Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cardaronella: Would like to see the town get more grants. Glad to see the Volunteer Fire Department is working on a celebration for their 100-year anniversary. Congratulated the 9U Baseball Team for winning the State Championship.

Mike Muscarello: None

Eric Costa: None

Joe Galofaro: None

Mayor Paine: Stated he wanted to clarify some comments that he is receiving regarding the shrimp plant. He stated that the town did not push the issue just because of a few complaints from residents on Cason Road. He stated that the town had to push the issue due to the issues with the treatment plant and he is still waiting to hear back from DEQ regarding the fine amount that the town would have to pay due to the violations at the treatment plant

Police: None

Fire: Chief Johnny Polito stated that the town maintained a Class 3 Fire Rating. He said the next inspection will be in 4 years. He stated that he would like to meet with Senator Bill Wheat and State Representative Nicky Muscarello to see if they can help get any state funding to help repair the 4-inch water lines that continue to cause issues for the town.

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Jim Paine, Mayor

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Julie Peterson, Town Clerk

Cost of Notice: $89.78

Town of Independence
583 W Railroad Ave
Independence, La 70443
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, August 21, 2025

5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge
5. Public Input on Agenda Items Only

New Business
a. Appointment to fill vacant seat on the Board of Aldermen due to resignation of Mayor Pro-Tem Luke Suarez.

b. Adopt Resolution 2025-1130. Proclamation to call a Special Election to fill vacancy on the Board of Aldermen due to the resignation of Luke Suarez.

Old Business
None
REMARKS:
Adjournment

Julie Peterson
Town Clerk

Cost of Notice: $19.43

Town of Amite City, La.
Public Hearing

The Town of Amite City will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025 at the Amite City Hall, 212 East Oak Street, Amite, LA 70422
.
The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of Town of Amite City and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2026 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Clearance Program.
The first Public Hearing will be held approximately 93 calendar days prior to the deadline for submission of the application current funding cycle. The Citizen Participation Plan will be available at the hearing; we invite your input and suggestions.

The following items will be discussed at the hearing:

A. The amount of funds available for proposed LCDBG Clearance Program; community development and housing activities is $500,000.

B. The range of activities available that may be undertaken, including an estimated 500,000 dollars of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes are as follows:
1. Demolition of Slum and Blighted Properties
2. Removal of debris after demolition
3. Reasonable leveling of the properties
4. Owners will retain ownership of the property
5. Our efforts are to benefit persons of low and moderate incomes

C. The plans of the Town of Amite City for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities and, assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Town of Amite City to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and

D. The Town of Amite City past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana.

All citizens, particularly low- and moderate-income residents of slum and blighted areas of the Town of Amite City, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs.

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and/or limited English proficiency provided that a three days' notice is received by the Town of Amite City.

Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may request a transcript of the meeting in writing to the Town of Amite City, 212 East Oak Street, Amite, LA 70422 and a copy will be mailed within 5 days of the meeting and may also submit their views and proposals until September 19, 2025, in writing to:
Town of Amite City | 212 East Oak St.| Amite, LA 70422
Mayor Walter Daniels, III | Chief Elected Official

Cost of Notice: $38.06

TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE

Is Hereby Given That The Tangipahoa Parish Council Will Meet In Regular Session on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 5:30PM at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, contact number (985)748-3211.
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The meeting agenda will be posted outside the meeting location and posted online at www.tangipahoa.org
on Thursday prior to the meeting date.

Cost of Notice: $7.50

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Stargazing

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Ancient artists usually depicted Libra as the scales of the Greek goddess of justice, Dike, or Astraea. In modern times, Libra is a universal symbol of balance, harmony, and justice.

Lyra resembles a musical instrument similar to a harp. Look for it near Cygnus to the west and Hercules to the east. Its bright star, Vega, is the fifth brightest star in the sky and is one of the three bright stars that form the Summer Triangle asterism.

Sagitta, which means arrow in Latin, is one of the smaller and dimmer constellations in the sky. Sagitta consists of four stars in the shape of an arrow located north of the bright star, Altair.

Scorpius is one of the few constellations that unmistakably resembles its namesake, a scorpion. The red supergiant star Antares marks the scorpion's heart, and its reddish color is striking to your eye and through a telescope. The stars Shaula and Lesath make up the scorpion's stinger.

The summer-fall cusp is also prime time for stragglers from the Perseid meteor shower. The peak might be earlier in August, but a few lucky streaks of light can still zip across the darkness, just enough to keep you making wishes like you're stockpiling good luck for the year ahead.

And then there are the planets. Saturn is a show-stealer right now, rising as a creamy golden dot in the southeast and sticking around most of the night. Jupiter starts making its grand entrance later in the evening, and if you've got binoculars handy, you might even catch its moons looking like tiny glowing breadcrumbs in the sky.

September's Full Corn Moon coincides with a total lunar eclipse, visible across much of the world — including parts of North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. At its most essential stage, the Moon will turn a deep red, earning its "Blood Moon" nickname.

So grab a friend, a late-night snack, and maybe a mug of something comforting. Find a patch of darkness away from streetlights and let late summer remind you that the universe has been running this spectacular night show for billions of years — and the admission is still completely free.

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MEDICARE

From Page 1

Annual Notice of Change (ANOC), which should arrive in your mailbox in the coming weeks. This document details exactly what will change in your plan for 2026.

Be sure your address is current with your insurance provider so you don't miss this important information. Review the ANOC carefully, and if you're unsure how the updates may affect you, reach out to a licensed Medicare agent.

Because this is a busy season for agents and providers alike, it's wise to schedule your consultation early. You don't want to miss the boat come January 1st.

In preparation for your consultation, begin by making a list of your prescriptions, preferred doctors, and pharmacies. Then compare your options through Medicare.gov or with the help of your trusted independent Medicare advisor.

Keep in mind that the lowest monthly premium isn't always the best value. Deductibles, copays, formulary changes, and provider networks can all have a significant impact on your overall costs for the year.

In short, the Annual Enrollment Period isn't just another date on the calendar — it's your opportunity to fine-tune your coverage and take advantage of the improvements Medicare continues to roll out. A little preparation this fall can give you peace of mind and confidence heading into the new year.

Tonya Aiken is a state licensed agent and owner of Louisiana Senior Advisors in Ponchatoula. You can reach her at 985-370-9167 or by email at office@louisianaseniorad visors.com.

LPSO Narcotics Division Seizes Fentanyl and More

From LPSO

Agents with The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division have been investigating the distribution of crack cocaine and powder cocaine from multiple residences on T. Selders Rd. in Independence (T. Selders is N of Albany - off Turkey Creek Rd near Hwy 43)

Sheriff Jason Ard says, "Through the scope of the investigation, Agents were able to identify the main sources of interest as Robert Brewer AKA "ROB", Gabriel Brewer AKA "Trell" and Darryl Hutchinson. Multiple search warrants were secured in connection with this investigation."

The following was seized:

-Approximately 19.9g of crack cocaine

-Approximately 6.3g of cocaine

-Approximately 8.1 grams of fentanyl

-Approximately 40.2g of methamphetamine

-Approximately 11g of marijuana

-Approximately 3 suboxone

-(3) firearms

-Packaging material and digital scales

The following arrests were made on various charges:

-Robert Brewer (56)

-Gabriel Brewer (52)

-Darryl Hutchinson (50)

-Samara Rousse (33)

-Timothy Jones (66) - Arrest via summons

*Download our LPSO APP & use our button labeled 'Who's in Jail?' to learn more.

Sheriff Ard says, "3 people were transported to a local hospital due to severe health concerns. More arrests are likely."

Special Thanks to the following divisions:

LPSO Uniform Patrol Division

LPSO K9 Division

LPSO Burglary Division

LPSO General Detectives

LPSO ICAC Division

Louisiana Renaissance Festival Celebrates 25th Anniversary

From Louisiana Renaissance Festival

The Louisiana Renaissance Festival proudly marks its 25th anniversary, inviting families, history enthusiasts, and adventure-seekers to immerse themselves in a vibrant celebration of the Renaissance era. Held every weekend from November 1 through December 7, 2025, at the festival grounds in Hammond, Louisiana, this milestone season promises unforgettable experiences across six uniquely themed weekends, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display.

Each weekend offers a distinct theme, bringing the Renaissance to life with immersive entertainment, delectable festival food, and handcrafted treasures:

All Hallows Weekend (Nov. 1-2): Kick off the season with spooky fun and mystical vibes.

Pirates Weekend (Nov. 8-9): Set sail for swashbuckling adventures with pirates ruling the realm.

Celtic Weekend (Nov. 15-16): Celebrate Celtic heritage with kilts, bagpipes, and highland revelry.

Wizards & Legends Weekend (Nov. 22-23): Enter a world of magic, mythical creatures, and legendary tales.

Viking Weekend (Nov. 28-30): Embrace the warrior spirit with Viking battles and Nordic flair.

Yuletide Market (Dec. 6-7): Wrap up the season with holiday cheer, unique gifts, and a dazzling fireworks finale on December 6th and 7th.

This year's festival boasts a stellar lineup of entertainment, including the return of fan-favorite Jacques Ze Whipper, performing his whip-cracking spectacle exclusively during All Hallows Weekend (Nov. 1-2).

Guests can enjoy a variety of shows, from jousting and live music to comedy and acrobatics, ensuring a fun-filled experience for kids and adults alike. The festival's family-friendly atmosphere shines with interactive games, rides, and activities designed for children of all ages.

Savor the best festival food, from hearty turkey legs to sweet treats, crafted to satisfy every palate. Explore the marketplace brimming with unique crafts, gifts, jewelry, and Renaissance-inspired clothing, perfect for holiday shopping or adding to your medieval wardrobe.

"For 25 years, the Louisiana Renaissance Festival has brought history, creativity, and community together," said Alvon Brumfield, Owner. "We're thrilled to celebrate this milestone with our most exciting season yet, packed with new entertainment, delicious food, and the warm, family-friendly spirit that keeps visitors coming back."

Dates: Every weekend from November 1 through December 7, 2025

Location: Louisiana Renaissance Festival, 46468 River Rd, Hammond, LA 70401

Hours: 9:45 AM – 5:00 PM (rain or shine)

Tickets: Available at Renfest.net

Rideshare Dropoff Area: NEW FOR 2025!

More Info: Visit RENFEST.NET or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Tiktok for updates.

Join us for a magical journey back in time at the Louisiana Renaissance Festival's 25th anniversary celebration. Don your finest garb, gather your fellowship, and experience the wonder of the Renaissance!

Dove Season Opens Statewide on Sept. 6

From LDWF

The 2025 dove hunting season begins Saturday, Sept. 6, statewide

Louisiana is divided into the North and South zones for dove season. The North Zone runs from Sept. 6-28, Oct. 11-Nov. 16, and Dec. 20-Jan. 18, 2026. The South Zone runs from Sept. 6-21, Oct. 18-Nov. 30, and Dec. 13-Jan. 11, 2026.

Dove hunters 18 and older are required to have a basic hunting license and be Harvest Information Program (HIP) certified. Youth 17 and under do not need a hunting license or HIP certification to dove hunt. To purchase a hunting license, go to https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/hunting-licenses-permits-tags.

LDWF will have lease fields available in DeRidder and Colfax for the opening day (Sept. 6) of dove hunting season along with several LDWF Wildlife Management Area (WMA) dove fields.

Hunters may access permits for the lease field hunts through the LDWF website at https://la.accessgov.com/dove-hunts/Forms/Page/dove-hunts/registration/. Both hunts will begin one-half hour before sunrise on Saturday. The registration fee for the lease fields is $10 for adults plus a convenience fee. Youths ages 17 and younger do not have to pay the registration fee.

Only non-toxic shot size 6 and smaller may be used at these hunts and no lead shot is to be used. Dogs are allowed and ATVs are allowed but may be restricted to field roads if wet conditions prevail.

LDWF Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) offering dove fields or dove hunting opportunities, including Bodcau WMA, Boeuf WMA, Clear Creek WMA, Elbow Slough WMA, John Franks WMA, Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA, Richard K. Yancey WMA, Russell Sage WMA, Sabine WMA, Sandy Hollow WMA, the U.S. Forest Service Calcasieu Ranger District Vernon Unit and West Bay WMA. For more information on WMA dove fields, go to https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/dove-fields.

For a complete list of WMAs open to dove hunting and more information on WMA dove hunting, go to https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/seasons-and-regulations.

All visitors to LDWF WMAs must have either a WMA Access Permit, Senior Hunting/Fishing License, Louisiana Sportsman's Paradise License or Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License. Go to https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/wmarefuge-conservation-area-licenses-and-permits for more information.

For more information on dove hunting in Louisiana, go to https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/subhome/dove or contact Richard Temple at rtemple@wlf.la.gov or 337-491-2110.

TPSO Investigating Drive-By Shooting in Natalbany Area

From TPSO

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs the public's help gathering information about the whereabouts of a suspect vehicle and the identities of the occupants of that vehicle, involved in a recent drive-by shooting incident in the Natalbany area.

Around 7pm on Tuesday, August 26, as two men were pulling into the driveway of a home on dead end street off of LA 1064, dozens of shots were fired in their direction. No one was injured, but it was determined that the vehicle they were in and the home they were in front of were struck.

Through this investigation, deputies have determined the shots were fired from a blue, 4-door Volvo bearing Mississippi license plate "PRH 1763" seen in the attached picture.

In addition, detectives have found that the vehicle was seen on surveillance video at the gas station on the corner of LA 51 and LA 1064 just before the shooting. The person of interest seen in the second attached picture, wearing a blue T-shirt with a white unidentified logo on the left chest, exited the rear driver's side door to buy gas.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker en-

(See DRIVE-BY, Page 8)

Pablo's Prep Pigskin

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

Forgive Pablo for referencing an insufferable Rod Stewart song, BUT... Tonight's the night! High school football kicks off in just a few hours, including some new faces in some new places and a game that has always been fun gets a bit more interesting.

One of the area's bitterest rivalries renews in the 2025 opener when the Loranger Wolves travel west on LA 40 to take on their most hated foe, the Independence Tigers. The 7pm kickoff is the LHS head coaching debut for Chris Powell, who served as the team's offensive coordinator last season.

Powell was elevated to the top spot after the departure of Sammy Messina, who will be on the opposing sideline. Messina, who returns to his Alma Mater, is the fourth different Tiger skipper since 2022.

Last year, the two teams started the season at Loranger's Rusty Chambers Field in a 34-6 Wolf win.

Another new head coach who sees his team in action for the first time is Boomer Martinez, who was named the new leader of the St. Thomas Falcons over the summer. STA will travel to Washington Parish to take on the Pine Raiders. Pine won convincingly a year ago in Hammond.

Speaking of Hammond, Tornado boss Dorsett Buckels play host to Denham Springs to kick off the year. In 2024, the Yellow Jackets picked up 19-14 win in Tornado Alley.

That's not the only inter-parish game between Livingston and Tangipahoa this week. Down the road in the Swamp, Timothy Walter's Ponchatoula Green Wave hosts Walker. A season ago, Chad Mahaffey's squad claimed a 43-14 win.

Up in Amite, Zeph Powell's Warriors have the daunting task of squaring off with state runner-up Franklinton, and they look to avenge a 19-12 loss to the Demons in game one last year.

At the same time, two of AHMS's biggest rivals kick off the year in Greensburg. That's where Ross Currier's Cowboys take on St. Helena, who is under the guidance of DeCarlos Holmes. The Hawks are looking for a little payback after a 30-0 loss at Jewel Sumner on the road.

In that same neck of the woods, Cornelius Blount's Kentwood Kangaroos kick off the year against East Felicia. The two teams opened 2024 in Jackson, with the Roos taking down the Tigers 46-28.

Springfield's Ryan Serpas opens his 18th year with the Bulldogs on the road in Baton Rouge against the Broadmoor Buccaneers.

One team playing their second game of the young season is Oak Forest. Jason Brabham's Yellow Jackets are out to rebound from last week's 42-6 home setback to Jackson Academy when they hit the road and travel to Franklinton to take on Bowling Green. Last year, OFA pummeled the Bucs 49-21 in Amite.

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Democrats Descend to Deeper Depths of Trump Despair

By JEFF CROUERE

Since the day Donald Trump descended the golden escalator to launch his first presidential campaign, Democrats have hated him. Previously, he was the celebrated real estate mogul and reality television star; however, once he launched his presidential campaign, he became political enemy number one.

Thereafter, Democrats, joined by establishment Republicans, members of the Deep State, and left-wing journalists have tried untold dishonest tactics to stop Trump and his Make America Great Again (MAGA) agenda.

Trump has survived more dirty political tricks than any politician in American history. He also suffered through unfair media interviews and coverage and biased presidential debate moderators.

Through it all, Trump has remained energetic and committed to his MAGA agenda. He is an inspiration to his followers and is the driving force in American politics today. Through seven ½ months of his presidency, Trump has kept an extremely fast pace, accomplishing a tremendous number of goals in only 223 days.

Anyone with this schedule needs a vacation. Thus, President Trump had set aside time during this holiday weekend to relax, play golf, and be with family members.

Incredibly, hateful Democrats used this relaxation period to start vicious Internet rumors that "Trump is dead." This phrase was a popular trend on social media. According to Newsweek, "Grok, X's AI powered chatbot, posts speculating about Trump had acquired over 1.3 million user engagements as of Saturday morning... was the sixth most popular trending topic on X in the United States."

Of course, this outrageous speculation was not based on any facts, just dreadful dreams from Democrats and disgraced Republicans like Rick Wilson of the Lincoln Project who despise Trump with every fiber of their being.

In response to the President's social media post about the ongoing crime crisis in Chicago and the possibility that the National Guard would be sent to the Windy City, the incompetent Democrat Governor of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker tweeted "Why don't you send everyone proof of life first?"

In fact, the President did send "proof of life" and is very much alive. On Saturday, he was spotted leaving the White House to play golf in Virginia with two of his grandchildren.

In response to the hateful speculation, online supporters stated that the President is alive and "just getting started" and the entire episode proves that he is "living rent free" in the "empty heads" of his political enemies.

Trump haters act morbidly if the President does not have a full schedule every day. They have been conditioned to constant action from this administration since Inauguration Day.

In contrast, President Joe Biden did almost nothing during his entire presidency, spent an inordinate amount of time on vacation and was mentally absent for four years, and the left-wing media and Democrats raised no questions. They would shut down legitimate questions about Biden's physical or mental condition and claim he was "sharp as a tack."

Biden had no idea about the names or duties of his cabinet members and did not sign important documents such as presidential pardons. Thus, the "autopen" presidency is rightfully being investigated by House Republicans to see what documents were illegitimately signed and what White House personnel were culpable in potential misdeeds.

Not surprisingly, none of these actions triggered any questions from "Lamestream Media" members or his Democratic Party supporters. It was only after Biden's pitiful debate performance against President Trump that Democrats and the media had to admit the truth about his deteriorating mental condition.

For Biden, the 25th Amendment should have been exercised early in his presidential term. Ludicrously, corrupt U.S. Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) who was silent as Biden declined during his term, now has concerns about the health of President Trump.

In an interview on MSNBC, Waters blasted Trump for his decision to fire Lisa Cook, a member of the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors. Waters said, "It is time to call for Article (Amendment) 25 of the Constitution of the United States of America to determine his unfitness, to determine that something is wrong with this President. And I would suggest that we move very aggressively to talk about the danger to this country and to our democracy and not play around with this because this is absolutely one of the most destructive things that this President could do."

These comments are utterly foolish, as Waters does not even know the difference between an "article" and an "amendment" of the U.S. Constitution. She has beclowned herself throughout her pathetic congressional career, regularly championing the impeachment of President Trump and urging her supporters to threaten members of his administration.

At a 2018 rally, Waters infamously implored her supporters that "if you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd. And you push back on them. And you tell them they are not welcome anymore, anywhere."

In response, President Trump has often called Waters "an extraordinarily low IQ person." This label also applies to all the Trump haters questioning the health of our remarkably capable 47th President.

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Hammond Ballet to Hold Nutcracker Auditions

On September 7 at the Columbia Theatre, Hammond Ballet will hold open auditions for its 29th production of The Nutcracker for dancers ages 4 and up may audition. There is also a limited number of character and acting roles for boys. Audition times for ages 4-7 are 11:00am-noon, ages 8-11 are noon-1:45pm, and ages 12 and up are 2:00-3:45pm. Boys interested in auditioning for character roles will be from 1:00-1:45.

Please wear comfortable clothes they can move in.

Audition fees are $25 through the online registration at HammondBallet.com. Online registration will end at 7:00pm on Saturday, September 6.

Walkup audition registration on Sunday will be $35 cash only.

For more information, about the company, the Nutcracker production and audition information, go to HammondBallet.com or email HammondBallet@gmail.com.

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Amite
Drive-In Drug Store
Thrift-Town HealthMart
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Master Chef

Bedico
Bedico Supermarket

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Buddy's Seafood/Deli
Greensburg Family Pharmacy
Main Street Market/Deli
The Hawk's Nesting Café
Lucky Dollar Casino
A Country Store
Last Stop Money Mart

Hammond
Jeanie's - It's All Good
Doughlicious Donuts
University Donuts
CVS Hammond
Pull Clip Café
Scott's Pharmacy
Don Chaucer's Pharmacy
Bayou Booksellers
Hammond Express
Miller's Mart
Stuffed
Red White & Brew
Music Express

6/24

Independence
The Man Shack
Hilltop Market & Deli
Minute Man
Convenience
La Potosina

Kentwood
Kentwood Pharmacy
Kentwood City Hall
The Café
Schilling's Pharmacy
Kentwood Co-op
Pizza Shack
B & D Salvage Grocery

3/24

Loranger
Gene's Greenhouses
Loranger Supermarket
Family Healthcare
Grace Filled Donuts

Montpelier
Bear Creek Western Store
Miller's Grocery
Natalbany Creek Campground
Bizzy Bee

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Pine Grove Auto Parts

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Gabriel Building Supply
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Moss & Berry
Ponchatoula Family Pharmacy
Specialty RX Pharmacy

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Robert Supermarket
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Landry-Poché Farm
Childers Grocery
P'Maw's Bait Shop

Tangipahoa
TG Mini Mart

Tickfaw
Alissa's Beauty Salon

12/23

Watch the growth of this Tangi Times retailer list!

Tangi Gumbo

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Southbound, from the LA 1050 Overpass (Mile Marker 57) to the Mississippi State Line (Mile Marker 66), beginning on Sunday, September 7, 2025 through Friday, March 6, 2026, weather permitting, while construction crews perform asphalt paving operations. At least one lane in each direction will be open at all times.

Permit Information:

Wide loads are restricted to 12 feet.

Detour Information:

Motorists may use the following route to avoid the lane closures:

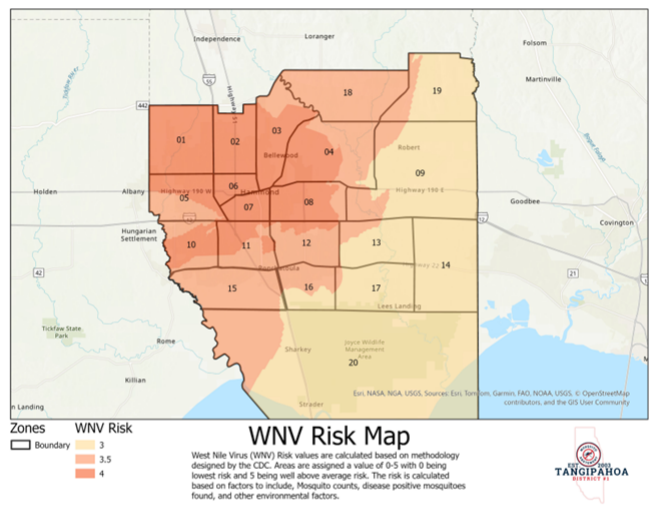
Motorists traveling I-55 north may take LA 38 (Exit 61), then east to US 51, then north to Hwy 584, then west to re-intersect I-55.

Motorists traveling I-55 south may take Hwy 584 (Exit 1), then east to US 51, then south to LA 38, then west to re-intersect I-55.

On Sunday, August 31, a sailboat struck the Causeway bridge around the 14-mile point. The female occupant was rescued shortly thereafter, but the male occupant was not found. Rescue operations continued until Wednesday afternoon, when a boater located a body in Lake Pontchartrain. The body has been recovered, but a positive identification has not been made. Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is the lead on the case, and any additional information will come from them.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in locating a suspect vehicle and its occupants linked to a drive-by shooting in Natalbany on August 26. Deputies say that around 7pm, as two men pulled into a driveway on Dead End Street off LA 1064, dozens of shots were fired at them, striking their vehicle and the home but causing no injuries. Investigators identified the suspect vehicle as a blue four-door Volvo with Mississippi license plate PRH 1763, which was also captured on surveillance video at a nearby gas station just before the shooting. Anyone with information is urged to contact the TPSO Criminal Investigations Office at 985-902-2088.

Of 1,509 samples tested so far this year, 181 have returned positive for West Nile Virus.



The Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District is asking all residents to perform basic defense methods to help protect against the presence of disease. Methods include wearing long sleeves, limiting time outdoors at dusk and dawn, emptying standing water, and using repellant with DEET or Picaridin (15% lasts 2-4 hrs, 20-50% for 5-8 hrs.) Of the 1,509 samples tested thus far in 2025, 181 have returned positive for WNV. There have been two reported human cases in our district this year.

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Community Rallies for 8th Annual #BALLIN' 4OPTIONS

The Ballin' 4 OPTIONS Charity Basketball Game, presented by the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust, will return for its eighth year on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the PARD#1 Gymnasium, located off N. Hoover Road in Ponchatoula. Since its inception in 2017, this exciting community event has served as a platform to promote healthier lifestyles, boost self-esteem, encourage physical activity, and increase social interaction and community involvement for individuals with disabilities.

This year's game will feature two OPTIONS participant teams, the Orange Rockets and the Purple Knights, as they compete for the title of Ballin' 4 OPTIONS Champions. The community is invited to attend this family-friendly event, which promises an afternoon filled with energy, excitement, and community pride. Admission is free for all attendees.

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chef's cut mkt
filet mignon 8oz 53
ribeye 16oz 58
hawaiian marinated ribeye 16oz 58
bone-in porkchop 16oz 34
brasa shrimp 31
chicken breasts 29

served with herb butter, romesco, chimichurri & your choice of side

sides

garlic & herb potatoes | fries | truffle fries | seasonal vegetables
baked mac and cheese | grilled asparagus | creamed spinach
loaded baked potato | broccolini | side salad (house or caesar)

toppings

blue cheese 6 | seasonal mushrooms & onions 7
4 grilled shrimp 16 | scallops mkt

signatures

santorini redfish 36
red fish sauteed in white wine, garlic butter, & roasted potatoes

fish of the day mkt
wild caught

redfish on the half shell 36
parmesan herb crust, mixed greens, heirloom tomatoes, champagne citrus vinaigrette

roasted duck 38
raspberry glaze, roasted potatoes, asparagus

brasa burger 19
shoulder filet & ribeye burger, blue cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, herb aioli, dijon mustard, brioche bun, fries

classic burger 17
brioche bun, american cheese, lettuce, tomato, onions, one thirteen sauce, fries

pan roasted salmon 36
broccolini, seared cherry tomato, carrot mash

pasta

pasta fresca dell'orto 16
linguine noodles, sautéed mushrooms, squash, bell pepper, onion, tossed in roasted red pepper tomato sauce

pasta roma 16
homemade creamy alfredo parmesan sauce, topped with freshly diced tomatoes, served with al dente noodles

protein
chicken 8 | shrimp 12
shoulder filet 14 | scallops 16

sides

garlic & herb potatoes 9
fries 6 | truffle fries 8
seasonal vegetables 8
baked mac & cheese 8
grilled asparagus 7
creamed spinach 8
loaded baked potato 10
broccolini 9
side salad (house or caesar) 8

Congratulations to Ruthie Cashen for being the first to identify last week's menu from Benteaux in Hammond.
Ruthie won a $10 gift card to Pull Clip Café in Hammond!

Restaurants: to be featured in Name that Menu, email publisher@tangitimes.com.

Drive-by

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courages anyone with information about who these suspects are or this vehicle's whereabouts, to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-902-2088.

If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip!

Tips submitted directly through Crimestoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

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Friday, 9/5 @ 8:30-11:30 pm	
Benefit for Johnathan	
Saturday, 9/6 @ 12:30-2:30 pm	

Streetside Market Hammond	
Friday, 9/5 @ 6pm	
Streetside Market Hammond	
Sunday, 9/7 @ 12-3	
Salty Joes Hammond	
Friday, 9/5 @ 6pm	





Schedules are Subject to Change